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## ON - THE - JOB INSTRUCTION IS FOURTH STEP FOR NEW EMPLOYEE



Violet McClelland, a new employee, receives "on the job" instructions in the Dry Rolling Department, where she will work. Daisy Major and foreman Adam Novak show her the step-by-step process of work in this Department.

**Pete Mancuso**  
**President North**  
**Adams Skating Club**

**Outlook Promising for**  
**Championship Material**

Pete Mancuso, who has been so active in the North Adams Aquatic Club, has gone out for other sports events. He has recently been elected president of the North Adams Skating Club, and under his guidance, the Club should have an active and interesting season. Pete states that with the enlargement of the skating rink at Noel field, the Club hopes to interest many more people in skating and possibly find potential material for the Western Massachusetts championship races. Pete also stated that of the representatives from this section who went to Boston for the meet last year, all were in the finals—which is a pretty good record! Mr. Louis Felix, also of the Brown Street plant, is still an ardent enthusiast of this sport. He has been elected to the Planning Board of the Skating Club, and is always interested in the progress of North Adams youngsters in skating.

### Sprague Hams Bring Pleasure To Others With Their Hobby

The two Hams, George DeGrenier and George Remillard introduced to the readers of the *Log* in the last issue, have recently brought unexpected pleasure to the families of GI's stationed abroad. The following narrative is printed for your reading pleasure that you may enjoy their Hobby too.

It was Tuesday, September 10, 1946. After hurriedly eating his supper George Remillard hastened down to his pet in the cellar,—his short wave radio. It wasn't long before he was through to Greenland and was having a right chummy chat with a Sgt. Tretaway, who was stationed there. The time of contact was 6:02 P.M. With the exchanging of names and such the Sergeant asked George to call his family in Waterford, N. Y. Signing off at 7:00 P.M. George immediately put in a phone call to Waterford. After delivering the message to Mr. and Mrs. Tretaway he extended them an invitation to visit him in North Adams at which time an attempt would be made to contact their son at Greenland.

September 15, 1946 the parents of Sgt. Tretaway called at the home of the Remillards and George with great anticipation took them to his favorite rendezvous. With nerves taut and

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In the issue of October 26th the *LOG* outlined and illustrated the third step in getting a job at Sprague's showing a photograph in the Dispensary at the Beaver Street Plant with Miss Etta Owen, Head Nurse, taking the health record of a new employee.

On this page we show a photograph of a new employee being introduced by her foreman to her supervisor, who is instructing her in the art of rolling paper condensers. Naturally, this instruction varies with each type of job, but as far as possible throughout the Sprague Plants, on-the-job coaching is given as required because it is to the best interests of the employee, the department, and the entire business that each employee understands the work thoroughly from the beginning.

#### Company Proud of "Old Timers"

Practice makes perfect, as the old saying goes, and so of course, the longer you are on the job the more you know about it and the better and more efficient your work becomes. The Sprague Electric Company is proud of the fact that it has many workers who have been with the Company for fifteen to twenty years and a great many who have been with the Company five to ten years.

Now that the war production era is over and the period of conversion to civilian products is well on its way, increased care in the selection of employees, as well as in their instruction and efficiency are necessarily important points. Peacetime competition in the radio and electronic

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### Attendance Winners 10th and 11th Weeks—Patricia and Roy Aldor Cardinal

In the drawing on Monday, October 28 to see who would win the attractive modern Emerson portable radio for the week of October 21-26 inclusive, five names were drawn as usual... and this time, the first name drawn had a perfect record—which is to say, that Patricia Roy of Dry Test Department had a perfect record for the tenth week of the contest and thus became the proud possessor of the radio.

Likewise, in the final and last week of the contest, which closed November 2, of the five names drawn, that of Aldor Cardinal was the first name to be called, and since he had a perfect attendance record for the final week, he received the portable Emerson radio. Mr. Cardinal is from the Maintenance Department, Brown St.

#### Congratulations

Congratulations to all the winners! All three Plants have been represented by winners in this contest.

The lucky winners of radios from the beginning of the contest, through the week ending November 2 were: Gina Suave—Sales Department, Eleanor Burr—Dry Rolling, Pearl Damon—Industrial Oils, Walter Burdick—Maintenance, Margaret Davis—Boxing, Martin Fitzgerald—Formation, Henry Fortier—Receiving, Sophie Wilk—Boxing, Rita Cardinal—Paper Rolling, Emma Massaconi—F. P. Drys, Patricia Roy—Dry Test, and for the final winner—Aldor Cardinal of Brown Street Maintenance.

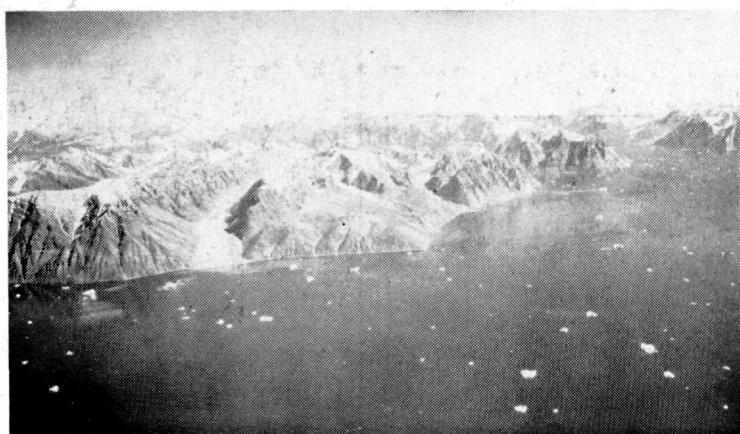
### BLOOD DONERS SHOULD KNOW THEIR TYPES

At various times emergency calls come from hospitals, doctors and others for blood donors from among our employees who are registered at the Dispensary as to their blood group and type. Nearly three hundred Sprague employees have been registered and typed at the Dispensary. Only last Wednesday, following an emergency call, John Pierce of Dry Test gave a blood transfusion at the North Adams Hospital.

Should you be interested in donating blood to help save a life in an emergency, report to the Dispensary so tests can be made and you will be typed as to your blood group and Rh factor.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health Division of Biologic

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Greenland's icy mountains march right into the sea. Ice caps appear above the waters.

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parts business is keen just as it is throughout the entire radio and electronic manufacturing field. That is why Sprague Electric Company has systematized and simplified the method of employment to the four steps described in the last four issues of the LOG. In closing this article the LOG would like to call attention once more to these four steps.

They are: 1 - the personal interview; 2 - safety instructions; 3 - the health record; 4 - introduction to the foreman plus "on the job" instruction where required.

**LOG SOCIAL COMMITTEE KEEPS BUSY**

The LOG Social Committee reports that it is trying to obtain a film showing the needs of the children across the seas in the liberated countries of Western Europe. So much interest was taken by the employees in raising the fund to help the boys and girls in the school in Holland that the Committee feels there would be many who would like to see such a motion picture... So, watch for the date, and when it is announced... Don't Miss It!

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**HOOT-MON!**

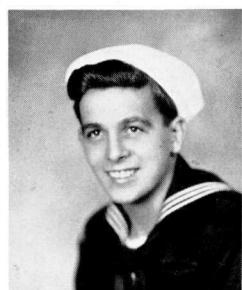


William Kilbride, a newcomer to the Sprague Electric Company shows how he looks in the Indian regimental uniform when stationed in Scotland. William served in the Navy for three years, and has been employed in the Can Shop for two months.

**Receives Promotion**

Pvt. Henry Embry, formerly of the Block Annex Department, has been promoted to private first class. He is stationed in Bamberg, Germany, where he is in charge of a warehouse. He entered service a year ago in December.

William Cozzaglio has just returned from Panama, where he has been stationed. He is the son of Rose of P.A.A. Resistors, and formerly worked at the Marshall Street Plant.



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**Who's Who**

By Gertrude Hall

We at Sprague are rather proud Because we are such a happy crowd. Mr. Ward is rather new, An understanding man—that's true; Bob Teeple may look stern and strict, (He's just trying to make his budget click.)

If you get a cut or bruise, The arts of Miss Owen you can use. When you have a trouble or care, Jack Washburn can help you there. Marion Caron is a peach A visit from her is a real treat. Safety gadgets may seem a bore But Art Mathews will give you facts galore. When your job has you stumped Your boss will gladly iron out the bumps; What's your problem big or small, We have someone to answer the call.

**Thank You**

The Committee of the Sprague Benefit Fund wishes to acknowledge with thanks the recent contribution donated by Mr. Leon Podolsky.

**Re-elected to Industries Board**

R. C. Sprague, president of Sprague Electric Company, has been re-elected to the executive committee of the Associated Industries of Massachusetts at a recent annual meeting. Mr. Sprague has served in this capacity for several years.

**To Supervise**

**Inter-Troop Field Meet**

Robert Moors, Lawrence Dufraime and Tom Cullen are three Sprague men who will be active in supervising the Inter-Troop Field Day of the Trail District Boy Scouts, slated for November 16. The program has been drawn up by J. Edwin Bullock, wrestling and soccer coach of Williams College, and promises to be a varied and interesting one. The boys will compete for a trophy which is now in the possession of Troop No. 16 of which Lloyd Bullett of the Marshall Street plant is Assistant Scout Master.

**Engagements**

The engagement of Miss Catherine Pappas to Eldridge LaBombard has been announced. The wedding date has been set for November 8, 1946. Catherine is employed as clerk in the Section Test Department.

Miss Dolores Bailey of the Block Annex and Clifford Dominichini of the Can Shop have announced their engagement. The wedding is to take place on Thanksgiving Day.

Miss Eunice Timothy of the Block Annex has announced her engagement to Leonard Jarvis. The wedding date is November 30, 1946.

**The Stork Club**

**Son:** Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Pasierbaki are the proud parents of a baby boy born on Thursday, October 24th. Dorothy, the happy mother, was formerly employed in Industrial Oils.

**Daughter:** Art VanSteenburg of the Resistor Department is again passing out smokes. Another baby girl has been added to their family tree. The mother Loraine was formerly employed in the Networks Department. Baby was born Monday, October 28th.

**Daughter:** A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. William A. Walden on Tuesday, October 29th. Leah, the mother, formerly worked in the Boxing Department.

**Daughter:** A baby girl was born on Tuesday, October 8th to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Reynolds. The mother, Helen, formerly worked in the Paper Rolling Department and the dad is employed in the Maintenance Department. The baby's maternal grandfather is Maurice Chonard of the Maintenance.

**Wedding Bells . . .**



**Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pinsonnault**, married September 7, with their attendants, "Terry" Giroux of Boxing and Joseph Pinsonnault. The bride is the former Jean Cuddeback of F. P. Ovens Department.



**Mr. and Mrs. William Roberts**. The bride is the former Mary Conrad of the Front Office.



**Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gaule**. The bride is the former Bernice Fitzgerald of P.A.A. Rolling.

**Rogowski - Zappula**: Miss Antonina Madelina Zappula and Walter A. Rogowski were joined in the holy bonds of matrimony on Saturday, October 26th. The bride is employed as clerk of the Can Shop and the bridegroom is an employee of the same department.

**Kiely - Gaudette**: Miss Flora Louise Gaudette and John E. Kiely were married on Saturday, October 26th, the double ring ceremony being performed. The bride is employed in the PAA Department at the Brown Street plant.

**Harris - Whipple**: Miss Norma Frances Whipple became the bride of Harold Harris on Saturday, October 26th. The bride is employed in the F. P. Drys Department.

**Dempsey - Trabold**: Miss Geraldine Patricia Trabold and Edward V. Dempsey exchanged their I Do's on Saturday, October 26th. The bride is employed in the Payroll Department at the Beaver Street plant.

**McNicol - Spencer**: Miss Ruth Venice Spencer and Alexander C. McNicol were united in marriage on Saturday, October 26th. The bridegroom is employed in the Specifications Engineering Department.

**Daub - Holmes**: Miss Helen Holmes and Louis C. Daub were married on Monday, October 28th. The bridegroom is employed in the D.T.Q. Department at the Marshall Street plant.

**BLOOD DONORS**

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Laboratory explains what is meant by Blood Group and Rh factor, and here is a brief resume:

**Blood Group**: All human blood has been divided or classified into 4 groups. The classification is based upon the presence of two specific substances in the red cells and two specific substances in the blood serum or fluid part of the blood. These are known as

Group O      Group A  
 Group B      Group AB

**Rh Factor**: A substance known as Thessas, or Rh factor, so named because first observed in the blood of Rhesus monkeys, is another important factor in human blood. It has been shown that about 85% of individuals have the Rh factor and are Rh positive (Rh +). The remaining 15% do not have the Rh factor and are Rh negative (Rh -).

In blood transfusions it is important to use blood of the proper blood group and Rh type.

**Rare Blood Groups**: If your blood belongs to one of the rare groups (B or AB), or if Rh negative, it is more important for you to be prepared to donate whole blood when needed, than to give it for blood plasma and fraction... If you know your Rh factor give it to the Dispensary so it will be on file for emergency calls.



## Sprague Hams Bring Pleasure to Others

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tense, all ears straining for the answer to the call for Greenland,—there it was—Sgt. Tretaway answering. Picture that scene in the cellar of the Remillard home as those two parents talked to their boy so far away! With a lump in their throats they recalled fishing trips and good times spent together when he was home. The old "jalopy" was being repaired and made ready for his home coming. "Sarge" said he was fine and hoped to be with them very soon. But wait—a strange voice interrupted. (Oh, too bad!) Sgt. Tretaway had to leave before he had time to really say goodbye. However, the happiness in the hearts of his dad and mother was too great to be quelled by this unfortunate turn of fate.

October 6, 1946, Sunday at the Remillard home, and all is quiet, for as you may guess, George is a very busy fellow down in his cellar. Things are being given a general inspection to make sure everything is ship shape for an evening of heavenly pleasure.

"Company for you, George," calls

Mrs. Remillard from the top of the cellar steps. "Right up," the reply.

Upon entering the living room George was just about floored, for his company proved to be none other than Sgt. Tretaway and his parents! Sgt. Tretaway explained the reason he had to leave so abruptly at the time he was talking with his parents through shortwave stations OX1AA at Greenland and W1JXY at North Adams. He had been ordered to report to his company, which was leaving immediately for the States,—information which he was unable to divulge at that time.

So goes the life of a shortwave station Hobbyist. Time on his hands is something he knows nothing about; in fact his nights are far too short. The enjoyment derived from talking to people in far off countries is second only to relaying messages so that friends and families can talk personally with one another by means of shortwave radio.

—M. Mathews

(An interesting article on shortwave radio contacts with George DeGrenier will appear in the next issue of the Log)



View of Greenland where Sgt. Tretaway was stationed. On his recent visit to George Remillard, he brought these views with him.

## What Did The Bikini Tests Prove?

It showed that heavy bombers can be precision-flown, by remote control, and as accurately as if maneuvered by crews, for the radioactivity in the atom bomb's cloud does not affect the drone bombers' control, electric circuits or engine power. It proved that within five years, we will be using long-range radio-controlled bombers. And in such a short space as ten years, the present warplane will be completely obsolete. Was the test worth its cost? The

Navy and Army think it was. From the tests we learned at from what distances from the explosion is equipment, ships, etc. completely destroyed, partially destroyed—or not hurt at all. Great amount of information was obtained. For example, there were 3,800 electron devices of one particular category exposed to the blasts and results recorded. It required 10 pounds of data sheets to record these observations alone.

Oh well, our loss is another's gain. Ann Downey and Jeanette Rondeau have been transferred to the further end of the room. Hope they like you as well as we did.

A very reliable old bird (Mr. Stork by name) told me he sent priorities to two very nice young ladies in this Department. The very best of luck to you both.

Speedy recovery to Hank LaBonte, who recently underwent a second operation on his leg. Hurry back, Hank.

Cordial welcome to Irene Sumner. It's nice seeing you again.

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Plane speeds which are at, or above the speed of sound may now be measured accurately for the first time. Speeds are determined with the use of three radio beams at right angles to the ground which the speeding plane cuts as it passes. A signal is sent to the ground as each of the three beams is cut. The lapse of time between signals is compared with the distance between the beams—and thus the speed is figured.

Through the new magnetic lens recently developed for the amazing electron microscope, particles as small as 50 billionths of an inch can now be seen separately. In a distance equal to the width of a hair, about fifty thousand particles can be recognized. Such enormous magnification will give valuable information, especially in the study of virus and the action of drugs upon them and on living cells.

Want to know the scientific name for bakelite? Take a breath and plunge—Oxybenzylmethyleneglycolanhydrid.

## LOW ON SUGAR? - - - TRY THESE

**Cranberry sauce is delicious** — but usually takes quantities of that precious substance sugar. You can have a delicious sauce without using any sugar by simply substituting orange marmalade. Boil one cup of the marmalade in one cup of water, add 2 cups of cranberries and boil until the skins pop open.

**No sugar and no cooking** — your old friend, dried prunes reach a new height. Wash prunes, cover with pineapple juice (or water) and adjust a snug cover and keep in the refrigerator for 2 - 3 days. For dessert, top with heavy cream.

## MARSHALL MUSIC



### Maintenance

By Umbriago

Speedy recovery to Art Giroux from all the Gang. Hope you are soon back with us.

We wonder where Joseph Schneider Jr. gets those red shirts...Flagging a train, Jr.?

Joe Schneider, Sr. threatens to practise up on his bowling on Wednesday nights, so he can make a FAIRLY good score on Thursdays when he bowls with the "Atoms."

Ben Russell recently spent a week of his vacation in Boston—and we are all wondering WHY it took three days to reach Middlebury...Did your car break down—or was it just your thumb that got out of joint, trying to thumb a ride down?

Best wishes to Wally Lapine of the Tin Shop, for a speedy recovery.

The Formation crowd are pretty well set up in their new quarters now. There are six S.B.M. machines all running smoothly...The new home for the Lab is coming along...Carpenters are busy making improvements...The Warehouse, known as Building No. 15 has been remodeled and relighted to accommodate part of the new set-up.

Angelo Mastroianni has taken up the shoe-cobblers trade as a side line. He already has several customers from the A.C. Line.

### "W.E."—Rollers

By Erminia Sweeney

We wish a speedy recovery to "Sliver" Lepine. He has been in a veterans' hospital.

Dot Melillo has acquired two new possessions—a canary and an electric victrola...She certainly should have music!

Welcome to Joe Candiloro, our new stock clerk, and to Mary Volpi.

According to the amount of yarn that Rachel Laversa brought, she must be going to knit a bedspread, instead of a sweater.

Joe Vitro sure can pick the winners!

Mystery in the house: Who pinned the "wolf badge" on Phyllis King?

Clifford King exhibited a roll of dough...playing the horses or poker, "Perley"?

Frannie Goodman is so-o-o in love—she can't see a thing!

Congratulations to Irene Anton on her new nephew...understand she finally got her wish.

"Vi" Arnold's young son is already pricing candy...pretty good for a 3-year old, Vi!

Celia Josefiak reminds one of Veronica Lake—only Celia has both eyes showing.

### Attractive Gifts



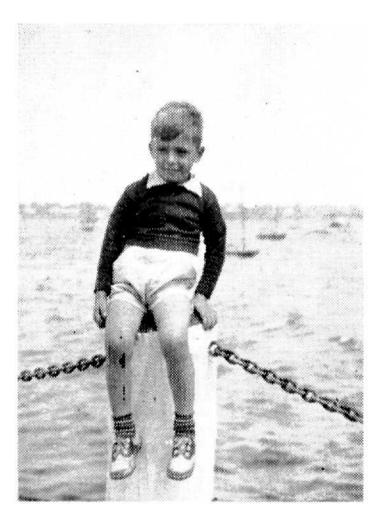
The younger set will enjoy wearing these sweaters and you will enjoy knitting them. Call for directions at the Beaver Street Dispensary.

## The Younger Set



Jennie Cozzaglio, charming daughter of Rose, of PAA. Resistor Department.

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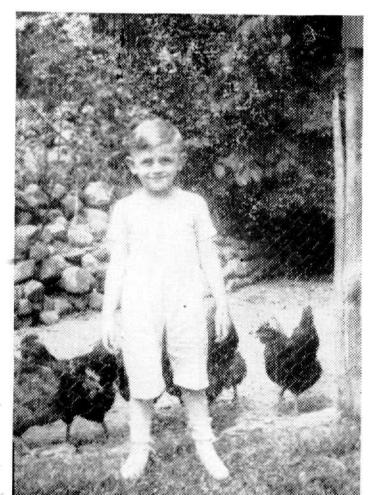
Joe Levesque, watching for his "ship to come in" - son of Harold of Maintenance, and of Meriam of Dry Rolling.

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Connie Kaye Burdick, daughter of Alice, of Boxing (nightshift) Department.

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Francis Schonfelder helps feed the chickens. He's the son of Herman, of Maintenance, and Alvina of Dry Test.

### Block Annex

By Esther Driscoll

Our deepest sympathy to Ernest Barcomb on the recent death of his mother.

Welcome to our Department Doris Williams, Marjorie LeClaire, Marjorie Valotta and a welcome back to Alice Bowen, who has returned after an extended leave of absence. Hope you'll all enjoy working with us.

Wedding bells will soon be ringing for Dolores Bailey, who is being married to Clifford Dominichini of the Can Shop. Thanksgiving Day is when they take the trip down the aisle. We wish them both the very best of luck.

Agnes O'Grady and her husband, Miles, spent a few days recently in New York.

Doris Charon and husband, Billy, attended the Army-Duke football game in New York. The Cadets really put on a good show parading around the field—quite a thrill says Doris.

Patricia Marlow and Andy Lampiasi spent an exciting Sunday up in an airplane.

Eunice Timothy will become Mrs. Leonard Jarvis on November 30th. We also wish them the best of luck.

Corrine Button is back with us after a short leave. Gee-Gee, her petite daughter, was the reason for her absence.

Alice Lavariere and Florence Gosselin were recent visitors in New York.

### Formation and Centrifuge

By J. Shea

We extend our sympathy to Napoleon Patenaude on the recent loss of his brother.

The department announces one of our men has a horse. How about a ride, E. Tanguay. (Hi, Ho, Silver.)

We have lost a part of the Formation gang again. Good luck to the men at Marshall Street. See you soon????

Should you hear a big noise look for "Boney" Haley. He probably fell apart. We don't hope.

Babe Gilbert sure is sweating out his new job. Run, run, running a BIG machine.

We know when it is time to go home now and don't need a clock. When "Bish-Fisherman" Guyette comes into work it is the signal. What a noise!

A new board man has joined us. Quite, a quiet guy. Glad to have you with us, Harry Short.

We all miss "Doc" CoCo. Hope you will be back with us soon, "Doc".

Quite a pep talk the boys receive nightly from E. Hinkle. Keep up the good work, Ed, and may the best man win.

### Check Inspection

By "Chic" Checker

We welcome Gert Deso, who has been transferred from Brown Street to Beaver Street. Hope you enjoy working with us, Gert.

Bea Pierce is still out on sick leave. Hurry back, Bea, we all miss you.

Alice Senecal is also out sick at the time of this writing. Hope you are feeling better, Alice.

Does anyone know where there are any nylons? Ann Roy would appreciate any information on same.

Peg Doherty had a wonderful time in Orange, N. J. over a week end recently. She attended the Kernahan-Fitzpatrick wedding.

Ethel Brown and Mary Waldon are having a race to see who finishes her sweater first.

That was a very nice recording of your brother-in-law's voice, Mary DelPonte.

We have one very ambitious boy working with us. Larry Therrien, works all day and goes to school nights. We think he has a bright future and hope he goes a long way.

### Impregnating Dept.

By Red Bennett

What's this we hear... Joe Downy's new nickname is "Dolly"!

We welcome Ray Miller to our Department and hope he likes his work... We warn him—be careful of those two girls just outside our doorway—they're dangerous!

After repeated attempts, Clarence Bliss has lost his nerve about asking Joe to go bowling with him... Maybe he just gave up!

Bill Lesure of Section Test, has had a special assignment recently... taking out his brother-in-law's girl... Watch your step, Bill.

### VISITING IN GEORGIA



Beatrice Lawson (right) visited former co-worker, Millie O'Grady, who is now living in Augusta, Ga.

### The Upper Offices

By "Do" and "Flo"

A little belated news folks, about the swell time that was had at the 1896 House a few weeks ago. The occasion was a party held in honor of Alice Gomeau, recently transferred to the Brown Street Office.

Among those present were: Effie Bishop, "Ly" Fitzpatrick, Betty Bogus, Ruth Harris, Millie Satko, Jane Douglas, "Barb" Reopell, Lydia Camadine, June Mahoney, Marion Pinsonnault, an old friend and co-worker "Ray" Bongiolotti (looking fine "Ray"), Evelyn Fairchild, "Lil" Clermont, Lois Paradise, "Fran" Dabrowolski, Millie Forgea, Wilmer Bradford and, of course, your two reporters. Alice was presented a lovely Philco radio, a purse of money and her first orchid. Best of luck in your new surroundings, Alice. We all miss you.

That was a beautiful photo you had on display of your granddaughter, Henry Anderson. It doesn't take more than one glance to see the resemblance.

*Flash:* The latest news about our hot trumpet player, Bill (Harry James) Campedelli—he has a share in the former Jimmy Haddad Orchestra. Any time you are in need of sweet music for a dance you know whom to call on. Good luck, Bill.

This column isn't all good news, we have some sad news also. Effie Bishop and the livewire "Barb" Reopell have been transferred to the Sales Office. Oh, well, all good things must come to an end.

We hear tell that Mary Jane Douglas looked "all reef" when she was the maid of honor for her friend, "Gerry" Trabold, who is now Mrs. Ed Dempsey.

Florence Southgate spent a week end in New York City recently where she attended the Rodeo in Madison Square Garden.

Helen Root attended the Rodeo in Boston last week. B.C.N.U. next issue, folks.

### Engineering Drafting

By Bob Garner

Harold Rarick is looking for a harness for his car... who said horses were obsolete.

George Labombard spent his vacation trapping — we trust he got his quota.

If Ray Lamoureux's priority for a new bathtub proves in vain we can only say, he will have to install a galvanized tub... we'll furnish the back scratcher, Ray.

Well, the duck season has finally arrived and we know Harold May is all set for another season of pleasure. If his luck runs true to last year he will get his share of ducks.

Anyone wishing a detailed explanation on the meat shortages, the excess price on stuff and things and the reason for high taxes—see Bob Pettibone. He will gladly explain.

What a dull lunch hour Bill Ross would have if the daily paper were not around for him to work the crossword puzzle.

Bob (glamour boy) Windover has returned to work after having been confined to his home with an abscessed tooth — we were all glad to see him back — especially the girls.

Your reporter is anxiously waiting for the 10th of November. 'Cause you know what? That day marks the opening of deer season in Vermont and he is looking forward to bringing home the bacon, (what am I saying) I mean a deer.

### NEWLY WEDS



The candid camera caught this pose of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Tefft. Mrs. Tefft was the former Barbara Elmer of Block Annex Department.

### F. P. Drys

By Lil Boyer

Mary DelPonte and Irene Major will never forget the Hallowe'en party... not if Jack and "Cookie" can help it.

Highlights of the party: Frank Gasset taking orders instead of giving them... Emma Massaconi and Dick Durkee giving a duet ala Morgan style... Mary Marra giving impersonations of the gay nineties... Jerry LaRoche giving all the girls a twirl on the dance floor. (No partiality, says Jerry)... Dot Rice losing the fruit out of her punch... Bill Davis collecting all the mashed potatoes and saying, "Boy was I hungry."... Jack Faustini the silent toastmaster.

Guess we're a little behind on the latest fashions. We thought Wayne Damon's fire red shirt and yellow tie combination was just short of murder. Darned if Marguerite LaCasse didn't waltz in next day with a red jacket, yellow blouse and—for added spice a purple skirt! Ouch!

Cookie washed his hair the other day and couldn't do a thing with it.

Hope Doretta Blanchard will be back soon. We miss that hearty laugh, Ma.

### Machine Shop

By Remillard, Trombley and Walsh

Congratulations to Schyler Dean and his wife. The couple celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary.

Two of our sports-minded boys took in the Army-Duke and Giants-Bears games at New York. The lucky boys were A. Daldoss and A. Brown.

"Nick" Richardello's brother drove to New York in 2 and a half hours, he claims... all who differ, consult our good friend (Another one for Puffle).

We sure hope that our co-workers, Art Rowland and Tom Francis, are improving rapidly and will soon be back with us.

Mr. Five-by-five Ray Magnoli has been our leading soap box orator of late... election time sure does do things to one.

*Memo to the Log:* Our "Barney" Barnhart has a new vocation — writing communications to the local papers.

"Red" Remillard, "Cedo's" brother is counting the days now...

Congratulations to John Walsh on his election to the temporary Presidency of the Local No. 2 of the Condensers' Union.

We welcome Joe Mazzu to our group on the day shift.

Schyler Dean's favorite musical number lately is the "Cement Mixer." (Putsy Wutsy)

Our new pugilistic sensation — the one and only, "Craig-himself-Ferguson."

Those visitations of Elks' Bowling Teams are pretty rugged — so Rudy Drobak thinks.

...And we'll sign off by... Paging Dr. Jerry Gamari... Paging Dr. Jerry Gamari.

Bill Mausert and Hughie McDonald went to Bennington to visit Bill Barber. They report that Bill looked pretty cheerful—especially since he undergoes an operation soon.

### F. P. Ovens

By "Us All"

Kenneth Davis has been nicknamed "Short Spring" Davis. We like it, Ken.

We enjoyed the house warming, Jean Pinsonnault. Your apartment is cute.

Welcome back, Pauline LaBonte. We sure missed you.

What is this epidemic that is hitting the F. P. Ovens.—OK Charlie Sutliff, you don't have to talk.

### Ovens

By "Dukie" Abraham

We were all sorry to see Mary Timothy leave us. We hope she enjoys working at Brown Street.

"Nina" Gerry is in her glory. The reason: Art is home from the service.

A few of the girls in this department recently went on an imaginary trip. A good time was had by all.

This department wants to congratulate Charles Pedrin on his engagement to Gloria Modena. The wedding is to take place November 30th. Good luck to both of them.

### Nightshift—By Bessie Brown

Characteristics of the Nightshift crowd: Delia DeGrenier—So very quiet

Marian Caron and Margaret Fortier— Pleasant personalities

Helen Boyle—That southern drawl

Johnny Miller—"Atomic ENERGY"

Jeff Duverney—Combination of wit and good disposition

Jane Dobbert and Bessie Brown—

"The crabbyist two on the Nightshift."

Loretta Tatro—Those sparkling eyes

Ethel Hannalack—A tinkling laugh

Alice Crockwell—Our noisiest

Don Kelly—Our marathon gum chewer

Gil Harris—The heartiest eater

Russell Worthy—Has one speed-

and that's slow motion

Louise Bass—Our speediest

**Boxing Dept.****By C. Urbano and Sophie Wilk**

A Bowling Alley has never been built that could hold the ball of Sophie Wilk. First in the gutter. And then to the rear; When her turn comes up — Just go out for a beer. If I wasn't twice as good as she — I'd hang myself to the nearest tree.

**Henry Neidzwiecki**

Miss Anita Monette became "Mrs." George Galli on October 26th. Many from this room attended the wedding and reception. Everyone had an enjoyable time and wishes the couple much happiness.

, Hurry and get well, Pauline Dean — we all miss you.

Sorry to learn that Mrs. Davis' daughter is ill, and hope she has a speedy recovery.

Farewell to "Peanut" Brahmans, who leaves because of illness.

Angie Downs is happy to have her brother Frankie of the U. S. Army home on furlough. Frankie was employed in the Boxing Department before entering service.

Sympathy is extended to Doris Vallieres on the recent death of her sister.

Congratulations to "Tony" Connell who has a new addition to her family — a three-months old puppy by the name of Christopher.

The chief 4 o'clock attraction of the pouring line each day is Russell Worthy.

Tessie Czaja and Emma Montagna have gone political on us — you should hear them.

Our new time clock caused quite a bit of excitement — someone said it reminded her of a toaster.

Fashion notes for men: the latest fad is wearing different colored socks — our latest exponent being Leo Robinson who appears wearing one white and one yellow.

Glad to see Florence McCauley back and know you are feeling better.

No, friends, it wasn't cold cream that was smeared all over Ray Collier's face — it was marshmallow!

Know what those "heart flutters" are? Well, they're Red Johnson's dimples.

It's only wishful thinking on the part of Frank Bernardo when he fondly gazes out the window — wishing he could be out hunting. Often we hear him lamenting — "The rabbits are jumping, the birds are flying... M-m-m Mother Nature, how I love it!"

Dick Kelly is really happy now that his buddy Joe Zona is working in the same Department with him. One of them is never seen without the other!

**AT HALLOWE'EN PARTY**

**Guests at Hallowe'en Party.** Top row: Mary Boschetti, Betty Secor, Helen LeSage, Lillian Boschetti and Mary Veinotte. Middle row: Joy Mancini, Rachel Canedy, hostess Marjorie Hauptfleisch, Irene Boschetti. Bottom row: "Pat" Vitro, Millie Clifton, young Ronald Jobert, Isabel Hyndman and Harriet Fortin.

**F. P. Assembly****Introduction:**

With this issue of the LOG the F.P. Assembly makes its debut as a separate department. When the assemblers moved into a room by themselves it was decided that they should be represented in the LCG, so, looking around for a live wire reporter what was more natural than to choose the liveliest girl in the room. To the workers of the F.P. Drys it is unnecessary to say more. Unanimous opinion gives Emma Massacconi that distinction. Good luck, Emma, and we'll all cooperate to make your column a success.

**News -- By Emma**

After a long telephone talk with "Walt" Winchell and Luella Parsons recently, and promising them I won't under any circumstances report for any other paper they finally consented to allow me to report for the Log.

It's a good thing that Dot Potter only has one birthday party a year! What am I saying — I wish she had 365! How about it, girls?

Anyone interested in hearing a good bingo story get in touch with Irene ("Bingo") Booth. She sure can tell a whopper.

**Daily Question**—, Where is Dot Rice working today?

I want to take this opportunity to welcome Anna Soja, Mary Provost and Bobby Mineau to our Department. Hope you will enjoy being with us. I also wish to welcome back Leah Sullivan.

Bea Curtis spent the week end recently in Galway, N.Y.

The assemblers, who attended the party held at the Sportsmen's Club, all had a wonderful time. We should do this more often.

Sorry to hear that your mother is ill, Margaret O'Neil. Hope she is better and that you will be back with us soon.

What brought the scream from Bill Davis when Emma Massacconi took him behind the ovens. Was my face red, Emma?

Dick Durkee, our great lover, is wasting his time at Sprague's. He shows great talent.

**Main Office Memos****By "Who Dun It"**

Ruth Graves recently spent a week end in New York, and had a wonderful time.

Duncan McNaughton journeyed to Boston, for part of his vacation.

Eleanor Martin spent her vacation at home resting up.

Welcome to our office — Dorothy Rogers. Hope you like it here with us.

Harold Twitchell and his wife went to "God's Country" a couple of weeks ago. For those who don't know Harold too well — "God's Country" is Maine!

**Dry Test****By M. Hauptfleisch**

Our Department has been very festive recently, with birthday and Hallowe'en parties. A birthday party was given in honor of Thomas Dean, who was presented a gift and a Hallowe'en cake.

Congratulations to Harriet Fortin whose birthday was celebrated on October 30th and to Mary Veinotte whose birthday occurred October 31st. They were presented with a cake and gifts.

Co-workers of Marjorie Hauptfleisch were entertained at her home at a Hallowe'en party with all the trimmings and a cake. A delicious spaghetti dinner was served, and to add to the spookiness for the occasion, there were 13 seated round the table. The grand door prize for the occasion was a pair of nylons, won by Rachel Canedy, and Harriet Fortin and Mildred Clifton were winners for high scores in game contests.

Congratulations, Patricia Roy, in winning the radio in the Perfect Attendance contest. It's nice to have a representative of our Department score in the contest.

We know that Robert Rivard has a big future ahead of him. With all these birthdays and gifts going around, he sure isn't going to be forgotten. He is doing his campaigning well in advance. On any available space in our department, he has his name plastered, together with his birth date. Could we forget it — FEBRUARY 27th!

Leonore Tarnuzer — all your co-workers wish a speedy recovery for you after your recent operation.



**Ernest Barcomb and Alphonse LaFountain of Block Annex Department hatch up some new plot.**

**A. C. Line****By Vi Short**

Congratulations to Frank Esposto, who is known as the most fantastic story teller. (What happened to your pilot's license, Pete?)

Bill Mahoney met his girl from Middlebury at the church after rehearsal of a wedding... Well, what happened, Bill?

Announcing the engagement of Rose Messina and Robert Andrews. The wedding will take place soon.

Sorry to see you leave this Department, Ray Quatland. We wish you luck at the Marshall Street Plant.

"Dugie" (Dudziak) was given the assignment of moving the pencil sharpener from one end of the office to the other. Alas, a simple job that required no blue prints, one that a child of seven could do, proved a flop. Due to the fact "Dugie" doesn't know right from left, front from back, etc. Tch, tch.

**Boxing****(Night Shift)****By Gladys Kirkpatrick**

Introducing Boxing nite-workers. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new workers. We all hope you enjoy your work here.

"Mac" you're certainly giving us a lot of variety since you have been taking care of the music for our Department.

Congratulations to Yvonne Ross and husband who recently celebrated their 14th wedding anniversary.

Paul Rist, we hear you are working hard these days learning to play the accordion. Is that why you reported for work at 10 P.M. the other night?

Why is it our supervisor, Mary Bernard, who is always so cheerful, gets so down hearted when she is asked to stir the wax?

Emilio Perini, just what was wrong with your sweater, or don't you know?

Margaret Moreau, we understand you are going to do a little whistling at home for a week. A little practice helps a lot you know.

Al Blondin, "our boss", should have a pedometer to check the amount of walking he does every day.

Congratulations, Rachel Montagna and Charlotte Appleton, on your recent winnings.

The fellows on the G.I. Shift certainly eat their lunch in style every night at 11 P.M. The only things missing are the flowers and candles.

This will be all for this time, but you will hear from us again.

**PAA. Rolling****2nd Shift -- By Connie**

We all want to welcome Bernice Duperaul as our supervisor. Hope she will like it. How about it, Bernice?

The girls on the night shift want to thank Ethel Gilman for the many nice things she has done for them at different times.

Lil Piwko, what are you going to do with the fifty dollars you won? Would you like us to spend it for you? Joking aside, you were very lucky, and may the same luck attend you on your next ticket.

I say, "Cafrine" Lipa, Betty Johnson wants to know if you got the call okay.

When Frances Scott gets her new car Betty Johnson won't have to put her head back on at night and Catherine Lipa won't have to put her stomach back in place. Thanks for the ride in your one seater car, Franny Scott.

Come on girls, please come forward with some news for your Log reporter. Let's make this column successful.

**Sample Lab****By The "Eyes and Ears"**

The parade of women passing by our Lab these last few weeks is getting larger and larger. Could it be because George "Atlas" Mulcahy is back with us again.

A new honor has been bestowed on Eddie Macksey for he alone (and not because he wanted it) sweeps us off our feet every day at 10 P.M.

Alma Finardi's new theme song is "Cement Mixer", it's an art as paired with much patience.

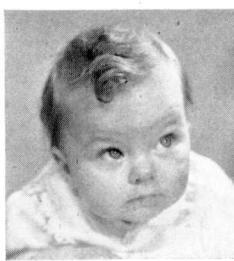
That new voice you hear in our Lab isn't Rudy Vallee, it's Hilda Burzilati. She has a "code in her daze."

Anyone would think Mary Markland were a millionaire the way she leaves money around. Show Off!

Winter hasn't arrived yet because Blanche Bourdon and Ellen Perris still sit outside on the fence every noon.

One of our former co-workers Harold Alderman, has gone into the refrigerator business. The gang wishes him lots of luck.

Welcome to John Soderstrom. Hope you enjoy working with us.

**The Youngest Set**

**Leslie Anne James, daughter of Frank of B.T.A. and Kathleen of D.T. Department.**

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**Marie Louise Messina, daughter of Agnes, formerly of Check Inspection and niece of Emma Underwood of Engineering Specifications Department.**

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**Donald Paul Tassone, son of Rose, of the Dry Rolling Department.**

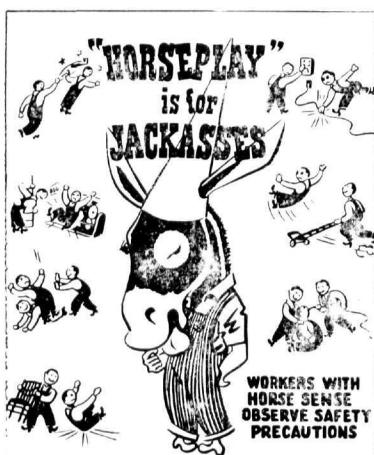
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**Diane Roche, granddaughter of Margaret Foote of Block Annex.**

**Chivalry** — A man's inclination to defend a woman against every man, but himself.

## OUR SAFETY CORNER



## Maintenance

By Little "Lulu"

A new man has been added to the crew known as "High Voltage Coody." Harold Bohl, our expert electrician, has proven a capable teacher as Coody has now been advanced. He is walking around with a linesman's belt around his waist.

The Maintenance shop is quite a power house. You get more voltage from the electrician's bench than from the sub station. So here's some advice: when walking through the shop keep your hands in your pockets and don't stop to pick up any coins laying around.

October 26th proved to be an unlucky day for "Doc" Plumb. He was seen putting his clothes in John Rosse's car and the two went searching the town for a room. The fellows were just about to take up a collection to get him a pup tent when he finally found shelter at the Y.M.C.A. Anyone knowing of a method to remove mildew from clothing please contact "Doc". It was raining the night of October 26th.

Harry Estes and Burt Davis have a big secret between them. What we would like to know is, just what did they lose in K.V.A. Inspection?

"Wash" Santelli has left us and is now working at Marshall Street. We miss you, "Wash."

Who went hunting up the Notch recently and shot the side of a bank away? Incidentally you should hear "Limp" DePaoli's version of "Shanty in Old Shanty Town."

The Maintenance boys recently engaged in a bowling match at Williamstown where they had a very pleasant evening. The captains and their teams are listed below:

Capt. Harold Bohl.....	285
"Worrylee" Dean.....	261
"Salvage" Wilson.....	295
"Hot Shot" Coody.....	248
"Degreaser" Estes.....	176
"Mohawk" Hynes.....	233
"1/2 Inch" Caron.....	263
	1761
Capt. John Rosse.....	265
"Chauffeur" Valotta.....	260
"Warehouse" Belanger.....	248
"Strawboss" Woloski.....	274
"1 hour" Rivers.....	269
"PAA" Plumb.....	307
"Scientist" Cardinal.....	213
	1836

P.S. Rosse's team is still waiting for the steak dinner.

Everybody was crying about the meat shortage, yet Walt Burr found frankfurts under the seat of his car. How do you rate, Walt? Must be you know the right people.

## Wire Coating

By Betty Jangrow

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Smith, who are the parents of a young daughter. Connie, the mother, worked with us during the summer vacation period.

Our deepest sympathy to Edward Morrissey in the recent death of his mother.

On Navy Day, we could tell that Helen Burdick's heart was down in Panama where her son, Robert, is stationed, twenty miles from Panama City.

As usual, the girls were glad to have a ride down street—and all went well until the car suddenly balked, sputtered, then refused to go. Mr. Washburn looked back, and said mildly: "Sorry girls, I must be out of gas!"

Saturday afternoon, Paul Sanford stopped to talk with a young chap on Main street. The young man turned to another young man, and asked Paul: "Do you know this guy?" Paul looked at the stranger (?) and was surprised to see his son, Robert, standing there. Bob, a student at Goddard College, paid his parents a surprise visit.

Where does Bea Denery get all her wise cracks?

Glad to see you back, Gert LaFountain, hope you are feeling better.

Congratulations, Beatrice Rice, on becoming a new grandmother.

## SPORTS . . .

## SOFTBALL CHAMPS OF 1946



Bottom: I. O'Neill, C. Kline, A. Bergeron, G. Champagne, W. Ferris, J. Girardi. Top: R. Bohl, J. Ariazi, coach B. Bullet, manager L. Estes, W. Barry, T. Bergeron, W. O'Neil and J. Bulletti.

## Softball League Holds Annual Dinner

The Northern Berkshire Softball League brought its 1946 season to a successful close on Monday, October 28, when 85 members of the League, including players, sponsors, umpires and guests gathered at the Corner Cafe Restaurant for a turkey dinner. Just before the excellent feast, the group stood for one minute of silent prayer, in respect for the late Arthur LaDame, for years sponsor of the McKinley Drug team.

An elaborate speaking program followed the dinner. Among the speakers, were Lou Vinclette, Chairman of the banquet committee, who thanked all the managers for the cooperation they gave in making this annual event a success. Mr. Vinclette presented Al Giusti, the efficient Secretary of the League, with a gift from the various league teams. Mr. Giusti in his response, stated that it was a pleasure to be associated with the Northern Berkshire League, and hoped that another year would see the League functioning as well as it has in the past.

## Tribute to Sanecki

The next speaker was Jack Washburn, Personnel Manager of the Sprague Electric Company, who reviewed the past softball season, and said that the game is definitely making headway in Northern Berkshire. He stated that he was glad to see such a fine representation of teams at the banquet and noted that their prowess was not limited to softball, judging from the manner in which the players devoured the luscious turkey dinner. In closing, Mr. Washburn paid tribute to the war veterans, stating that those veterans who had come home had again made the Northern Berkshire Softball League as good a league as any in Western Massachusetts. Proof of this he added, "Lies in the fact that a member of your League won, not only the Berkshire crown, but also the Western Massachusetts tournament." He referred to the McKinley Drug Store team of Adams, coached by "Dudy" Sanecki, war veteran employed at the Marshall Street Plant.

## A Bow to Bowes

"Flash" Estes, Manager of the Corner Cafe, addressed the audience, saying it was very nice to have played with such a grand team as the newly-crowned champions, the Corner Cafe, and on behalf of all the players, thanked Don Bowes the team's sponsor, for the fine support he gave them throughout the entire year.

Former Senator J. P. McAndrews of Adams, sponsor of the McAndrews Insurance Agency team was the next speaker. He highlighted his address with humorous incidents in connection

## Bullett and Russell

## • ALLEY ECHOS •

At the latest bowling meeting, John Tolmie was nominated and elected Vice-president and Harold Tourjee was promoted to President. All of these changes came about when Walt Carpenter withdrew. Here are the latest standings as of November 1, 1946.

	Won	Lost
Prokars.....	10	5
Cerocs.....	9	6
Selkars.....	9	6
Midgets.....	6	9
Koolohms.....	6	9
Atoms.....	5	10

## The Five "King Pins"

(Nite of Oct. 31)	
D. Remillard*.....	332
G. Scarbo.....	295
J. Tolmie.....	294
J. Spagnola.....	290
L. Champagne.....	289

\*High for the year

## The Five "Dubbers"

(Nite of October 31)	
J. Snyder.....	225
L. Dustin.....	236
R. Foisey.....	241
C. Dominichi.....	242
A. Wood.....	243

"Alley Capers": Watching Lou Siciliano, treasurer of the League, collect the bowling pool each week is a rare treat. Except for Thursday night, Lou never really got to handling so much of that "green stuff" . . . eh, Lou? . . . Has everyone enough balls to bowl with? . . . seems to be the eternal question John Tolmie asks, since he has quite a time in locating any. John says: "You fellows think you own me" all . . . say, we pay to bowl, too." No evening is complete without Harold Tourjee dashing madly about and "arguing out" a matter that seems impossible to settle. But, Sport Fans, don't get the wrong idea . . . we have a SWELL TIME, and for a good evening, you'll find us at the Central Alley each Thursday.

—Ken Russell

## BANQUET COMMITTEE WITH GUEST SPEAKERS



Former senator J. P. McAndrews, "Flash" Estes, Al Giusti, Lou Vinclette, and John Puppolo.

## PRESENTS TROPHY



Chairman of the banquet committee, L. Vinclette presents the season's trophy to B. Bullet, the coach of the Corner Cafe Champion team, with full approval of A. Giusti.